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THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM WAS RECEIVED FROM THE BANK:

QUOTE: THE BANK DOES NOT HAVE ANY WRITTEN GUIDELINES ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HOWEVER, IN THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES NO. 2 ON THE PREPARATION OF APPRAISAL REPORT, THE GENERAL REQUIREMENT OF ANALYSIS OF ECOLOGICAL ASPECT HAS BEEN STATED (PARA. 3 OF ANNEX I). THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROJECT PREPARATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DO, IN APPROPRIATE CASES, MENTION ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION WHERE EMPHASIS ON THIS ASPECT IS NEEDED, APART FROM GENERAL ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS. IN PROJECT APPRAISAL, ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS RECEIVE ATTENTION AND IN APPROPRIATE CASES REMEDIAL MEASURES AND STEPS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. ILLUSTRATIONS ON THE TREATMENT OF ENVI-
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN THE BANK OPERATIONS ARE GIVEN IN THE ATTACHED STATEMENT (ANNEX 2).

IN PURSUING ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN ITS OPERATIONS, THE BANK HAS BEEN COOPERATING ON AN INFORMAL BASIS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND UNITED NATIONS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP). WHO REGULARLY SENDS TO THE BANK USEFUL COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS TO BE STUDIED IN THE VARIOUS PROJECTS LISTED IN OUR MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (MOI). SIMILARLY UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) HAS BEEN INVITED TO OIVE US COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROJECTS LISTED IN THE MOI. TO CITE AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION, UNEP HAS ASSISTED THE BANK IN RECRUITING AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT FOR A MALAYSIA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE AND KEEN INTEREST ON THIS SUBJECT, A STAFF PAPER ON "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING BY THE ADB" IS UNDER PREPARATION. END QUOTE.

THE BANK'S MEMORANDUM TOGETHER WITH THE ATTACHMENTS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED. EDMOND

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